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For information about crime in your area visit [www.myneighbourhood.info](http://www.myneighbourhood.info).

**Don't forget: Facebook users can get the latest information by becoming a 'fan' of Walsall Police.**

#### **I.D. Theft**

Over the last week or two I have been contacted by four residents of the Highgate area of Walsall who have had O2 mobile phone accounts fraudulently opened in their names. In each case O2 had the correct name, address and date of birth. I do not think it is coincidental that several residents of a relatively small area have had this problem. As I'm aware all are now battling O2 who are demanding payment.

Please circulate this information to all your members and remind them to be extra careful and to take steps to protect their identity. All documents containing personal information - even just your name and address - should be shredded or completely destroyed. Please inform the Post Office if you think mail may have gone astray.

For more information on how to protect yourself from identity theft, or if you think you may have been a victim, visit [www.identitytheft.org.uk](http://www.identitytheft.org.uk).

Encourage victims to report any instances of ID theft to the police so we can plot a crime pattern and look at taking action.

#### **Thinkuknow?**

Protect your children online by visiting [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) the latest online resource from the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre.

I have received the following from a business watch contact: it may be of interest to your members.

#### ***Please be aware!***

A man with an Asian accent has just contacted one of our members and asked to speak to their IT manager, he said that he was undertaking a survey of the most used passwords in the area!

Obviously no information was given and the call was terminated.

I know you are thinking '***who in their right mind would***' but you never know so please make all of your staff aware and ensure no such information is divulged.

#### **Stolen Bicycles: Observations Please**

Please be on the look out for two bicycles which were stolen from a house in Chester Road, Aldridge, on the afternoon of Saturday 8 May.

The first is a Giant 'ROCK' bike. The image attached is of the style of bike but the bike stolen was white in colour with 'GIANT' written across the frame in black. This is about 2 years old and worth £200.

The second bike is a GT Chucker which belongs to a 14 year old who had it as a present for his birthday in October. The image attached (bright blue bike) is the exact same bike as stolen except the stolen bike has a mud guard attached on the underside of the frame at the front. If you have any information as to the whereabouts of these bikes please contact PC 20738 Becky Tricklebank of the Streetly and Pheasey Neighbourhood Policing Team on 0345 113 5000 extn 7881 6523, or e-mail [streetlyandpheasey@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:streetlyandpheasey@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk). DO NOT approach or confront any persons connected with the cycles yourself.

The two stolen bikes are similar to the ones shown below:



### **KIDDIE SMILES CHARITY COLLECTORS SCAM**

Bright pink 'Kiddie Smiles' charity collecting tins have been popping up over Walsall recently. This is a fake charity. We have set up an investigation and are appealing for any information.

If you are asked to give money to this charity we want to know about it. You can call us on 0345 113 5000.



### **Ageing Well in Walsall Campaign**

Take an opportunity to find out how older people can be supported to sustain independence, health and wellbeing at an event being organised by Walsall Council, NHS Walsall and other organisations which will take place at the Banks' (Bescot) Stadium, Bescot Crescent, Walsall on Wednesday 26 May between 10.30 am and 3.30pm. For more information contact Paramjit Kaur at Walsall Council on 01922 650466, e-mail [kaurparamjit@walsall.gov.uk](mailto:kaurparamjit@walsall.gov.uk).

### **May meetings**

Neighbourhood watch meetings during the remainder of the month:

19<sup>th</sup> May Caldmore NW, 2pm, TORA, Caldmore Green (above Samra's Club)

20<sup>th</sup> May Darlaston NW, 7pm, Moxley Peoples' Centre, Queen Street, Moxley

25<sup>th</sup> May Alumwell NW, 7.30pm, St John's Church, Scarborough Road, Walsall

27<sup>th</sup> May Orchard Hills NW, 7.30pm, St Martins Church, Daffodil Road, Walsall

31<sup>st</sup> May Palfrey and Caldmore NW, 6pm, Palfrey Community Centre, Milton Street, Walsall